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The Best in Iowa Affordable Housing Initiatives Showcased at HousingIowa Awards

HousingIowa Awards honor outstanding housing initiatives

CORALVILLE – Three outstanding Iowa housing initiatives and two individuals from throughout the state were recently recognized with HousingIowa Awards at the 2015 HousingIowa Conference, presented by the Iowa Finance Authority in Coralville.

The HousingIowa Awards recognize outstanding programs, projects and people for their leadership and innovation in advancing affordable housing development in Iowa. The four categories include: Innovation, Multifamily, Special Needs and Legislative Friend of Housing Award.

In addition to the HousingIowa Awards, the Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award was awarded, founded in 2008 when the state of Iowa lost an exceptional community development advocate with the passing of Kay Anderson. A resident of LeMars and long-time member of the Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors, Kay is remembered for her kindness to others and commitment to the success of programs that helped make Iowa a better place. This award recognizes an individual who encompasses Kay's outstanding qualities.

An independent panel of judges deemed the following the 2015 HousingIowa Award winners:

Innovation Award

Partners United for Supportive Housing-Cedar Rapids (PUSH CR), Four Oaks

Multifamily Development

Plymouth Place Apartments, Des Moines, Newbury Living

Special Needs Development

Ames Handicapped Accessible Duplex, Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa

Legislative Friend of Housing Award

Representative Tom Sands

Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award

Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family

More information about the HousingIowa Conference is available at IFAMeetings.com

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing and water quality programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of Iowans.

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